

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-29. (Canceled)

30. (Previously Presented) A computer-implemented method for one of a plurality of designated recipients of an Email communication to receive the Email, comprising:

providing an Email communication program on a server that is configured with instructions to store a single copy of the Email communication on the server if the Email communication is designated for the plurality of recipients;

receiving on a recipient's computer system an Email communication notification from the server that references the single copy of the Email communication, the Email communication notification distinct from the Email communication;

requesting from the server the referenced Email communication, the request being sent to the Email communication program from the recipient's computer system; and

receiving by the recipient's computer system from the server, a copy of the requested Email communication.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30 including:

when access to the Email communication is no longer desired by a recipient, indicating to the Email communication program to delete the Email communication, so that the Email communication program deletes the single stored copy of the Email communication from the server after receiving indications from all recipients to delete the Email communication.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31 including:

after the receiving of the Email communication notification, storing the Email communication notification locally on the recipients computer system; and

after the indicating to the Email communication program to delete the Email communication, deleting the stored Email communication notification by the Email

communication program, even if all recipients have not indicated to the Email communication program to delete the Email communication.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31 including storing the Email communication locally by the recipient on the recipients computer system such that the local stored Email communication is preserved even when the Email communication program deletes the single stored copy of the Email communication from the server.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30 wherein the Email communication received from the server is encrypted using a public encryption key for the one of the plurality of designated recipients, and including retrieving a private encryption key for the one of the plurality of designated recipients to decrypt the Email communication.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30 wherein the acts of receiving the notification, requesting the Email communication and receiving the Email communication are performed by a receiving computer lacking sufficient permanent storage to store the Email communication.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30 wherein contents of the received Email communication notification are based on preferences for the one of the plurality of designated recipients, the preferences previously supplied to the server configured with the Email communication program.

37-44. (Canceled).